

Courier Newsletter

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Church Office Hours

Office: T, W, Th 8-12

Pastor's Drop-In Hours

Monday: 10-12

Wednesday: 10-12

Closed Fridays

Hours may vary

Please call the church office to set up another meeting time if needed.

(406) 782-6595

Presbytery Meeting and Karolee's Ordination

Butte will host the Yellowstone Presbytery meeting on **Nov. 3-4**. The meeting will close with Karolee's installation and ordination worship service, which is open to the public. Rev. Dr. Beth McCaw, Rev. Dr. Tim Slemmons (both from UDS), and Rev. Dr. Lanny Rounds will be preaching during the service. A reception will follow; **please RSVP to the office for Friday lunch and the Saturday reception meal.**

Schedule of events:

- Friday 11:00 am Presbytery Meeting Registration
- Saturday 10:45 am Ordination Service
- Saturday 12:15 pm Reception

Annual Fall Event

November 5 following the worship service. Sign up for special activities and support Anna's Circle's **FUN**raiser for local charities. Activities so far include: a Float Trip, Gourmet Dinner, Game Night, a Knitting Class and a Weekly Crafting Group, and a Guided Walking Tour. There will also be goat milk products for sale (scrubs, lotions, and soaps). You can also submit baked items to sell. For more information, contact Toni or the office. What **FUN** things will we see this year?



Congregational Meeting

Nov. 19 following the worship service we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting. All are welcome to attend. A quorum is required, so if you are a member, please be sure to come—your vote is needed.

Kid's Night Out Returns

Nov. 10 5:30-8:30. See page 4 for more details

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

Nov. 11 10-noon See page 5 for more information

Emerson Coat Drive

See page 4 for details of this annual drive



Parson's Ponderings

"In Baptism each Christian is called to ministry in Christ's name. God calls some persons from the midst of congregations to fulfill particular functions, so that the ministry of the whole people of God may flourish. In ordination the church sets apart with prayer and the laying on of hands those who have been called by God through the voice of the church to serve as deacons, ruling elders, and ministers of the Word and Sacrament† In installation the church sets in place with prayer those who have been (previously) ordained as deacons, ruling elders, and ministers of the Word and Sacrament, and are now called anew to service in that ministry. In commissioning the church recognizes other forms of ministry in the church: ruling elders commissioned to limited pastoral service, certified Christian educators, and persons certified to other forms of service" (W-4.0401 Called to Ministry).

The above quote comes from the 2023-2025 Book of Order, which is Part II of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Just like elders and deacons, Presbyterian pastors are called by congregations to be partners in the ministry of Christ and their ordination vows are all the same with a few specific sentences at the end. The call of the church upon a pastor, elder, or deacon is an important part of their ordination because all three roles are rooted in community.

On November 4, the church, the presbytery, and the community will gather in worship to ordain and install me as the pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Butte. While the event will be full of pomp and circumstance, lots of formality, robed pastors, sermons, music, gifts, and all kinds of to-do followed by what I am told will be an epic reception; nothing will really change. I will go on being your pastor, doing what I've been doing since I was commissioned as lay pastor in January. And yet, lots will change, because this is a worship service filled with the wider body of Christ as they join from all around the state and city to lend their support to your decision to call me as your pastor, and that should give us hope and joy in the work that lies before us.

This day is ultimately about the Triune God. It's a day we publicly acknowledge God's call upon our church to participate in ministry in Christ's name. It's a day we see and experience the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon our congregation as we seek to glorify God in all that we do. It's a day we will hold in our hearts as a promise of God's call upon us to be partners in the work of Christ, because we are all in this together.

Grace and Peace,
Karolee



- ♦ Art & Dorothy Hruska
- ♦ Marjorie Kautzman
- ♦ Robert Noel
- ♦ Patty Mikesell



Is the Lord calling you to a music ministry? We have a few opportunities:

The **Chancel Choir** rehearses Thursdays at 7pm from Sept. through May.

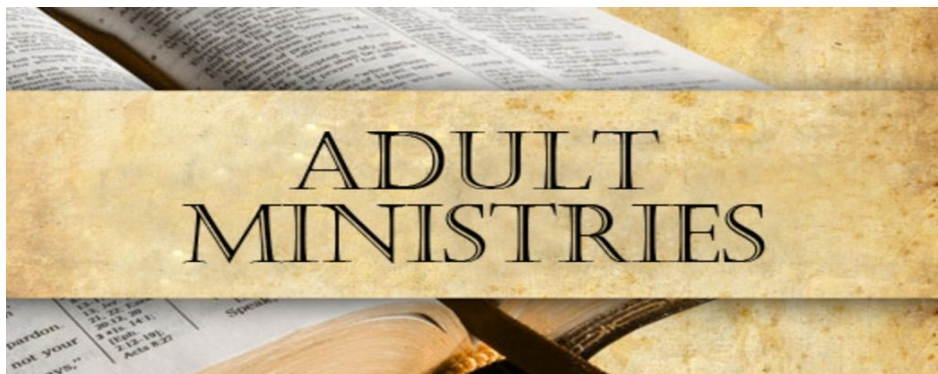
The **Mile High Bell Ringers** rehearse Wednesdays at 9am. If you can read music...you can learn to play the bells!

Play an instrument?

For more information, see Jean or call the church office.

"And it was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the Lord, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever," the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud.

2 Chronicles 5:13



No-Name Lunch

Nov. 20 at noon. Lunch is provided for \$5.00 per person. Please RSVP to Linda Nutter if you plan to attend. Guest speaker: TBD

P.W.* Anna's Circle

Nov. 14 (Tuesday) ~ Noon All women are invited!

Anna's Circle returns to its original day of the week– the 2nd Tuesday of each month. We begin with lunch, followed by a brief business meeting and then a Bible study. This year we are invited to consider Jesus, "the good shepherd" (Luke 10:1-5), who shared the Good News through sacred encounters with everyday people.

Our purpose is to Glorify and serve God as we grow in Him and raise funds for local charities. Be sure to check out the Fall Event on Nov. 5!



Monday Bible Study: A Monday Bible Study from 12-1 in the church. We will study the upcoming sermon passages. All are invited to attend.

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School Come join us as we study What Presbyterians Believe: A Crash Course in Reformed Theology. This is a three-week class which will hopefully inspire future conversations.

Intergenerational Sunday School: November 26 – The adults will join the kids for a fun filled activity. Stay tuned for details!

Classes for adults and children Sundays at 9:00 am. Kids will meet in the Clark Conference Room.

let's do
lunch

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

HAPPY
Birthday
TO YOU



November Birthdays

If we missed your birthday this month, please let us know so we can get it added.

11__Ev Siler
17__Heather Davis
20__Cecelia Helming
25__Cameron Davis
26__Bob Larson

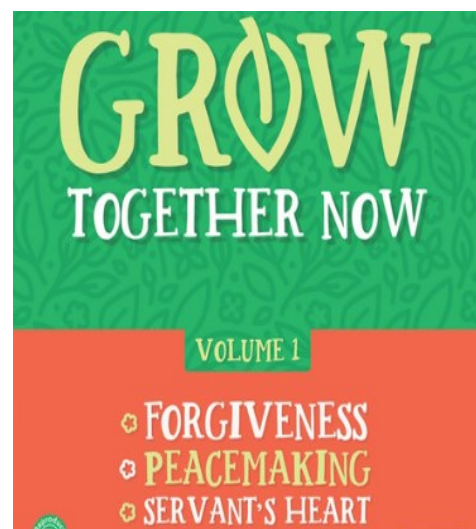


- November hosts for Coffee Hour are Witness & Congregational Life (see page 5 for more details)
- 2023 Per Capita is \$58.00
- Tithes & Donations can be mailed to:
First Presbyterian Church
901 W. Platinum
Butte, MT 59701
- You can tithe online!
Go to our website & click "**Donations**" or click the QR code here.



Kid's Night Out Returns

Kid' Night Out will begin Nov. 10 at 5:30 pm (Now on the 2nd Friday of each month). The evening begins with dinner, and then we can **Grow Together Now**, allowing kids of all ages to learn about the character qualities of forgiveness, peacemaking, and servant's heart. For children preschool to 5th grade. Older children are welcome to come and assist.



Emerson Coat Drive

We are collecting **NEW** coats, hats, gloves for the children at Emerson Elementary School. Throughout November. A tub is in the foyer for donations.

Children's Sunday School, Sundays, at 9:00 am. Kids will meet in the parlor before heading to their classroom.

A nursery is available for children 0-5.

Volunteer teachers & nursery attendants needed



Scouts

For more info on the scouts, contact Scout Leader, Tina King at 406-593-8020.

Etcetera



Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

Due to all the extra activities this season on Sundays following worship, we are moving the Packing Party to **Saturday, Nov. 11** from 10am to noon. Join us as we pack boxes **OR**

Pick up a box in the parlor and pack your own shoebox. This is a wonderful family activity with your children or grandchildren. If packing your own box, be sure to make it **FUN** and personal. Include a letter and/or pictures.



How else can you help?

- Donate items
 - Needed: toys, games, WOW items, school supplies, coloring books (need by 10am at packing party)
- Pack your own box:
 - Pick up an empty box in the parlor (add some of our extra items to get you started). Bring it back to the church by Sunday 11/12.
- Pack a shoebox on line
 - \$25 per box which includes the \$10 suggestion donation for shipping Use QR code or go to their website (see below)



"Jesus Christ took our sins and He died on the cross, and then on the third day, God in heaven said it's enough, and He raised His Son to life. This is the Good News, and we've got a responsibility to take this message to the ends of the earth."

Franklin Graham

Operation Christmas Child, a program of Samaritan's Purse. www.samaritanspurse.org

Coffee Hour

November will be hosted by Witness Ministry Unit and Congregational Life. On Sunday, Nov. 5, we will have refreshments in the fellowship room with our Fall Event. The rest of the month, fellowship will take place over coffee, tea and cookies in the parlor. In December, coffee hour will be hosted by Support.



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Pianist | Janet Shuttlesworth

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- **Website** | www.FirstPresbyterianButte.com
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Karolee's Ordination, Fall Event, Kid's Night Out, and more in this month's Courier!

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